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**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**SB 396**      **"An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for Certain Therapies and Prescription Drugs for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer"**  
**SB 879**      **"An Act Concerning Prescription Eye Drops"**

These two proposed bills would mandate the expansion of health insurance policies in order to provide coverage for certain treatments related to prostate cancer and for additional supplies of prescription eye drops.

The state-mandated expansion of insurance coverage will increase insurance costs and thus premiums, which will eventually be borne by policy holders - municipalities to name one. This would result in increased insurance costs statewide.

While these two proposals have their merits, the bottom line is that they will increase insurance costs across the board at a time when local budgets can least afford it.

CCM urges the committee to **take no action** on SB 396 and SB 879.

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